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By the National Security Research Center staff

Oppenheimer would be proud.

Today is the National Security Research Center's second anniversary. These two years, though, have been eight decades in the making, said NSRC Director Riz Ali.

"We opened our doors in 2019, but the Center's beginnings date back to World War II when J. Robert Oppenheimer created the Lab in Los Alamos to develop the first-ever nuclear weapons," Ali said. "An important part of opening the Lab included standing up a technical reports library. Since then, we have amassed millions of holdings and today we are one of the top research institutions in the country."

What had long-been a repository of classified archival materials is today a dynamic, vibrant library that outsizes the collections of other similar research libraries around the country. Today, the NSRC houses the Laboratory's classified nuclear weapons research, data and reports, as well as unclassified historical artifacts – the stories, photos, films and more from the people who have been a part of the Lab from the start.

"The NSRC serves the Weapons Directorate and Global Security with our nuclear weapons data," said Carla Breiner, Division Leader of Weapons Research Services, which manages the NSRC, "but also the entire Lab, the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy with our curation of the Lab's remarkable history."

Want your own piece of Los Alamos history?

During its first two years, the NSRC has created <u>more than two dozen posters</u> that commemorate the people and events that make up Los Alamos history. All posters are approved to be downloaded, printed and displayed.

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Poster: https://nsrc.lanl.gov/assets/posters/WRS FatMan poster.pdf

How can the NSRC help me?

Located in the National Security Sciences Building, the NSRC houses the world's most-comprehensive collections of nuclear weapons and national security materials. The millions of digital and physical resources are managed by a highly-trained team of experts, who partner with researchers to offer personalized assistance.

"Our job is to make this one-of-a-kind information discoverable," said Chris C'de Baca, the Group Leader who manages the NSRC. "Whether researchers need test-shot records, blueprints of engineering drawings, or data for plutonium pit production, we ensure the Lab's legacy materials are accessible to them once we have confirmed their need-to-know status."

Contact <u>nsrc@lanl.gov</u> for help with your research. Want to learn more about the NSRC? <u>Watch</u> our one-minute video.